

COUNCIL MUST INSIST THAT PEOPLE GET STREET CAR SERVICE

(BY G. A. M.)

NOW that the city council has settled the question to its own satisfaction, it must settle the traffic question generally to the satisfaction of the public.

In deference to the interests of the street car company—at least the matter originated with street car officials—the councilmen have recanted the jibes and most of the jibes owners say they can't afford to work on the new routes. This was the case, at least, for yesterday. It may be that the jibes men are holding back in hope that an indignant public will bluff the councilmen into changing their minds. The chances are that if the council stands pat, a good many of the jibes will be back on the job in a few days.

Jibes or no jibes, however, it is now squarely up to the council to see that the people of the city get a street car service that is in keeping with other things in the city. THE CITY MUST INSIST THAT THE STREET CAR COMPANY MAKE A SCHEDULE AND KEEP IT AND THAT THIS SCHEDULE PROVIDES FOR ENOUGH CARS TO GIVE THE PUBLIC ADEQUATE SERVICE; also that in rush hours, sufficient trailers or additional cars be supplied so that the cars will not be packed so much like sardine boxes. Given it has been hard to move one's arm in a crowded street car during a busy period of the day. A federal law compels better treatment of cattle in shipment.

The street car service has been poor in El Paso. Some people say it has been improved of late—while the company was no "trial"—but others assert that no change was perceptible. If the street car officials think their "trial" is over, they are mistaken. A street car company is always "on trial" before the public and no street car company can afford to persist in poor service. The time of reckoning will come. The El Paso street car service may not be any poorer than many other cities, but this is no excuse. The street car officials have said publicly that if the city would regulate the jibes—which has been done—good street car service would be given. Now IT IS UP TO THE STREET CAR COMPANY TO DO THIS AND IT IS SQUARELY UP TO THE CITY COUNCILMEN AND THE MAYOR TO INSIST UPON IT. The people are looking to the mayor and city councilmen to see that service is given.

Many things could be done to improve the service. One would be an express service on the Fort Bliss and Government Hill lines. The cars should not take on passengers downtown for any point west of Cotton avenue—stopping only on the outward trip between the city and Cotton to pick up passengers for points beyond Cotton. Incoming cars should only be compelled to stop west of Cotton avenue to discharge passengers who had been taken on further out. The street car company would be willing to do this no doubt. At one time manager Potter agreed to such an arrangement, but C. E. Kelly, then mayor, refused to allow it put in force. The Boulevard and Highland park cars could take care of all the local business between the city proper and Cotton avenue. All cities have express service for their suburban trains. Better Fort Bliss service will have something to do with El Paso's chance for an enlarged military post.

Another improvement should be trailers during rush hours. Another thing that the most important demand on the part of the city—should be the formation of a schedule that will be kept. We have employed a man to check the jibes and see that they run on schedule; WHY NOT CHECK THE STREET CARS AWAY?

If the jibes are lost to the city as a result of the ordinance then MAKE THE STREET CAR SERVICE SO GOOD THAT THE PEOPLE WILL NOT MISS THEM. Here is where the street car company can do its part without being forced. The jibes have not been of any great service for some time past. True they have afforded a rapid means of transportation for quite a few people, but they have never been numerous enough to accommodate more than a small portion of the traffic. At night, during the rush hours after six o'clock, it was almost like a football game to try to board a jibe. Failure to secure a place often caused more bad temper probably than getting on the street cars and having to stand on somebody else's toes. Neither service has been satisfactory. The street car company has assumed the responsibility. THE CITY EXPECTS THE COUNCIL TO GIVE US A REMEDY.

Little Interviews

Mayor Gonzales Says He Intends to Clean Up Juarez Eddy, Pioneer El Paso Builder, Can't Find Old Office

I intend to give the city of Juarez a businesslike administration during my term of office," said Francisco D. Gonzales, new mayor of Juarez. "Especially do I plan to make Juarez a clean and sanitary city, and I also am going to fight the continuance of gambling in the future. In the management of city affairs I want to introduce as many economical features as possible, but the main purpose of my administration will be to improve the cleanliness and sanitation of the city. I am very anxious to keep the good feeling existing between the two cities, El Paso and Juarez, and I want to welcome all Americans who come to and make them feel at home while in the city. I have been in office but a few days and I have heard many people in El Paso say that the city and as much of the city as he ever could hope to be and moreover, he has the backing of the central government if anyone tries to get away with him."

Abe Martin



A new bunch of bananas was unveiled at the Little Gem restaurant today. One of the most uncertain things in this uncertain life seems to be the correct pronunciation of cantonment.

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Uncle Walt's Denatured Poem.

Meatless Days

There are a million luckless souls who are suffering meatless days six times a week or more; deserving men, who lack the price to buy a pork just off the ice, at any butcher's store. And countless people go their ways who find some 30 wheelless days in every month that flies; hard luck and sickness and despair have stripped their humble larders bare of doughnuts, leaves and pies. And they must have a sickly meal when they observe the day, we cut out mutton, pork and veal, and show away the roast. And they must shed a weary sigh when we inform the passers by how we, with courage high, eschew the loaf of snowy bread, and fill ourselves with bean instead, and make the cups clasp fly. Cheer up! The worst is yet to come! Before the voice of war is dumb we may be eating hay; we'll doubtless know what grief is then, and wish we might observe again the old time meatless day. For meatless days don't represent a sacrifice to any gent in this, my neighborhood, man good.

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WALT MASON

Another Kind Of Service

ANNOUNCEMENT has just been made at southern department headquarters in San Antonio that the United States Guard, are to be organized in the Southwest, one at Whipple Barracks, Prescott, Arizona; one at Fort Bliss, and the third at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio.

This is gratifying news for several reasons. One is that the war department has found use for the fine Whipple Barracks, abandoned with the withdrawal of a battalion of the 18th infantry about five years ago after upward of \$500,000 had been spent in making it a model post. The 18th battalion was withdrawn for Mexican border service and the post was subsequently abandoned because the war department declared it was not well located to serve military requirements. It now will serve as an organization point and training post for troops for guard duty.

The battalion to be organized at Fort Bliss will be available for border duty and for guarding the large military depots here, releasing combatant troops for other service. A part of the Guard may be sent later to such other stations as the war department may designate. The same will be true of the battalion at Fort Sam Houston, but it is likely that the full strength of the two battalions will be needed for guard duty at these two posts.

The United States guard is a good organization to be joined by those who want to help in some military capacity but who by reason of age or for some other reason are not up to the mark for active field service. Men in the draft age will not be accepted, but boys between 18 and 21 may join and men from 31 to 45. In the case of veterans in army service, enlistments will be taken up to the age of 60 years. The Guard will be officered by regular army officers who have been retired or have been invalided out of active service. An effort will be made to keep the Guard members close to their homes as practicable. It will be an honorable branch of the service for those who would like to fight but are not quite able to stand up to the strain.

This guard duty will be a real service too, warding off the I. W. W. and German firebrands from military storehouses and other buildings.

Liquor and "easy" justice pave the way for murders.

The German steam roller in Italy has stalled for want of a snowplow.

If it ever comes to a hayride day, a lot of fellows will have to lay off the cigar makers.

Having eaten his Christmas dinner in Jerusalem, Gen. Allenby may look forward to getting away with the rest of Turkey when he reaches Constantinople.

The Texas pure food commissioner might amend his ruling that soda fountain glasses must be dried on clean towels by ordering them a shed in clean water.

Somebody says there is too much money in the country. If hasn't been noticed. Some have almost none, or none whatever, and others are grabbing for it as though there were but five dollars in the world and the mints were closing forever.

There is more than just a suspicion that some of these pro-Germans who are being interned express their Germanism chiefly to secure for themselves three good meals a day and a place to sleep at Uncle Sam's expense. The government should oblige its interned enemy aliens to work enough to pay for the food they eat, at least.

Of course reports of the intended secession of Lower California have been denied. Col. Esteban Cantu is perfectly loyal to the central government. Besides, why create secession artificially when the Gulf of California and the Colorado desert have achieved it naturally. Col. Cantu is as much king of his little domain as he ever could hope to be and moreover, he has the backing of the central government if anyone tries to get away with him.

CAN THIS BE THE YEAR? : : : : By Hal Coffman

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Roundabout Town

Fine Melon For the Valley; Acts Like a Banana Our Water Consumption Low; an Avacado Defined

By G. A. MARTIN.

JOHN H. NEUBAUM, an upper valley farmer, believes he has discovered a melon that will be a big asset to the El Paso valley. It is known as "the honey dew" melon and is a hybrid made by a German in Colorado by crossing the South African sugar melon with the cantaloupe and the cucumber. Its advantage lies in the fact that it produces from the middle of June until frost and that it can be kept for months and weeks.

Another advantage lies in the fact that it is picked when it is green and can be shipped great distances. "I can ship to Europe just as easily as to New York," asserts the grower. "I can pick the melon when it is green, when it is ripe, when it is soft, when it is hard, when it is sweet, when it is sour, when it is bitter, when it is anything you want it to be." "You can put it in a cool place in a cellar and it will keep like a potato. I have been keeping mine since from July by covering them with hay and leaving them outside."

"I shipped a carload to Chicago this year and disposed of two carloads in El Paso, Las Cruces and Mesilla Park. The melons are better to the taste than either a cantaloupe or a cucumber, and cost very little more either. The vines are very hardy, as hardy as the cucumber. One vine I had this year was 20 feet long. The melons are all as large as cantaloupes—many of them much larger. The largest I gathered this year weighed 10 pounds."

"The melons can be grown as cheaply as anything else for hog food if one does not care to ship them. Wood shavings and sugar can also be made from them and a valuable oil can be obtained from the seed. I am told."

"I am going to plant ten acres in honey dew melons next year and I believe they will eventually be one of the best crops the valley produces. There is never any danger of losing a shipment, as they will keep so long. They can be shipped to any part of the United States, even by slow freight."

George Pendell has the reputation of being a good county commissioner, but he's not strong on military knowledge. "Well, if this war lasts long enough, I'm coming home with medals."

Recently when Eugene Harris was in El Paso sporting a lieutenant's war in his pocket, Harris, Pendell, Seth Orndorff and a number of other politicians were talking in the sheriff's office.

"Over a month ago I read a story about the Belgian home, not in the States, which was described as a small box with a door and a window and a chimney, many times," said Mrs. R. L. Holmes. The reporter showed his ignorance by according to the fact that the "Damen Hotel" were responsible for the trouble in Belgium. That was a mistake, as the hotel was in New York to assume that the Texas always wears a ten gallon hat, and would all his time looking people up and down, and it is a mistake of people minkie. I know of one man of Dutch parentage, name and accent, who took many Liberty bonds in many, in fact that it looked as if he were doing so for a reason, and he did other things which showed that he was afraid of him in his last years. He would think him Dutch German and persecute him. The Dutch are a splendid people, and it is rank stupidity to compare them with the Germans."

GOES TO HEAR PEREZ SUIT AGAINST VAN HORN JUDGE

Judge W. D. Howe left Friday evening for Van Horn, Texas, where he will preside over proceedings based on a mandamus suit of Pilar Perez against W. F. Hult, presiding judge of precinct No. 1, Culberson county. Perez seeking to be allowed to vote in a local option election set for January 15.

Perez alleges that the election judge said he would not allow him to vote because he had not served in the military. Plaintiff alleged further that he has been duly naturalized and has paid the 1917 poll tax.

Judge Howe expects to return Saturday afternoon.

MAN RELEASED BY HUNT IS ARRESTED ON SECOND CHARGE

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 5.—Elmo Nicholson, whose extradition to Arkansas on a charge of mule stealing has been denied by Governor Hunt, has been arrested again. This time on a complaint of a similar nature from Missouri. It is claimed he paid for the animals with a check that later it was alleged, proved to be false. His attorney, F. C. Strackmeyer, asserts that merely was a case of inadvertent overdrawing a bank account.

Tobe Moseley says when he was growing up the world wasn't much bigger than the county he lived in.

The store at Bounding Billows was entered and robbed Monday night. The intruder was very shrewd as he took advantage of the owner's absence and did it early in the night so that he wouldn't leave any fresh tracks for the next morning.

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then one bar on my shoulder," said Harris.

"I hope you do, Gen. I hope you come home with five or six," said Pendell.

El Pasos do not use as much water as most people in large cities—yet that "large cities" business.

The per capita consumption of water in New York city is about 120 gallons a day. The per capita consumption in Buffalo is placed at 210 gallons a day, in Pittsburgh 235 gallons a day, in Philadelphia 250 gallons, in Chicago 190 gallons, in Detroit 195 gallons, in Baltimore 115 gallons and in Boston 112 gallons.

Counting El Paso's population at 30,000 people, our consumption per capita is 75 gallons per day, since the city is supplying 2,250,000 gallons of water daily. Give us more population if you will and our consumption is smaller, hence we are a very economical people in the matter of water consumption, it would appear.

"Melchior" contributes the following for this column: "Now that we have two movie companies with us, let us get together and see if it isn't possible to interest capital in a liquid air plant for cooling purposes, and another for the manufacture of a guaranteed hairgrower. After having been on a paying some annual dividend to their stockholders, then let us see if it is possible to get a cotton and woolen factory, of a tannery, or a shoe factory, or a soap factory or something."

"Avacado" is a parrot-like wait of the kind that when its proper city makes speech, we'd have lots of actors in El Paso.

Do they call them charity balls because the men are so charitable that they dance without the usual care in the selection of partners?

"Please tell me what is an 'Avacado'?"

FACTS ABOUT OUR NAVY

The Naming Of Battleships.

By LIEUTENANT FRIZ HUGH GREEN, U. S. N.

WHAT is a name? A good deal these days. It is much better to be an—insky than a—burg. In one town I know the Mins don't give and the O—somes are congenitally under suspicion.

Don't forget that English. So is formidable to the other and other famous conquerors of the sea. Could they be American? No. As a nation we don't go in for psychology. And what else pray could be the use of naming such unpalatable names on the sides of our ships. With all due respect for our brothers in arms the names they use in their Grand Fleet constitute a kind of terrible reminder to the face of the Chinese warriors we call.

We call our first class battleships after states. The Pennsylvania and New York are logically both flagships. There is method in it, method even in the fully proper.

For example, the other day the naval surgeon general wished something like a million bandages for 153 battleships and destroyers. The Red Cross was called upon. Men and women the country over give their very homes to that organization. But here was a chance to provide a small stimulus, maybe a kind of return to the country. Each chapter was instructed to supply the battleship named after its state.

Not a bad idea that. And bandages are the only thing in the world that have provided clothing, music, books, correspondence, entertainment, and a host of other things. The navy solicited nothing. Nothing much just now is needed. But there is a sentimental property in each state and province, and the of our union mothering her men-of-war, keeping watch, and giving when she can.

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The White Star in the Service Flag; Impression It Made on a Mere Man

By K. C. B.

I'VE SEEN my first white star.

A SERVICE flag.

OF RED.

AND WHITE.

AND THREE red stars.

UPON THE white.

AND ONE white star.

UPON THE red.

AND I recalled.

AS I stood there.

ACROSS THE street.

FROM WHERE I hung.

THAT YEARS ago.

WHEN I HAD passed.

SCARCE OUT of infancyhood.

I SAW ONE night.

A BRIGHT WHITE star.

LET LOOSE.

FROM WHERE it was.

AND SHOOT its way.

ACROSS THE sky.

AND DISAPPEAR.

AND I WAS told.

THAT SOMEWHERE.

ON THAT very night.

A SOUL.

HAD LEFT its earthly home.

AND THE star I saw.

WAS THAT soul's soul.

BOUND HEAVENWARD.

AND YEARS have passed.

AND TRAILS I've made.

AND OTHER trails.

THAT OTHERS made.

AND I HAVE walked.

HAVE LED me far.

AND WHO it WAS.

THAT TOLD me.

OF THE falling star.

AND WHAT it WAS.

HAS GONE to rest.

AND SOMEWHERE.

IN THE great beyond.

THERE SHINES a star.

FOR HER.

AND SO it WAS.

THAT YESTERDAY.

ACROSS THE street.

I STOOD.

AND I BARED my head.

IN REVERENCE.

FOR I AM sure.

THAT THAT "white star"

UPON THE border.

OF THAT service flag.

THE ONE lone star.

THE ONE lone star.

GONE FROM the three.

AND ALL the stars.

THAT TIME will put.

UPON THE border.

OF OUR service flag.

WILL TELL the story.

OF THE falling star.

AND EACH one mark.

A SOUL.

GONE HEAVENWARD.

FOR IT MUST be.

THAT SUCH reward.

MUST COME.

TO HIM.

WHO GIVES his life.

FOR US.

I THANK YOU.

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald of this Date, 1902.

THE national cement trust of Chicago, St. Louis and Davenport, Ia., is trying to wreck the cement works at Dallas, which employs several hundred men and has grown to be a competitor of the trust. Three representatives of the trust have been in Dallas the past week, endeavoring to close all the new work and suit in started for a receiver.

A. J. Livingston is at the Angeles from Albuquerque. G. A. Hamilton is registered at the El Paso as a member of the United States Cavalry.

Smallpox is raging in Argentina and the point is being closely watched by health officials. A large number of U. S. pay checks have been stolen and used at Tucson, and the names of payees forged. The suit of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company against the Mexican troops is being tried at El Paso.

The president's message on Panama, read at the opening of congress today at the National Capitol, is a powerful presentation of the case, the main question now being, shall we build an isthmian canal or shall we not?

Lillian Langtry, the famous actress, the companion of the present king of Spain, the woman who in 1902, have poked her nose down the king's back at a dinner party once upon a time, was in El Paso for a short time this morning. The Langtry family left the city when she visited the place.

Dr. Simon Baruch, the father of the free public bathing system in the United States and one of New York city's most eminent citizens, with his wife and son, Dr. M. Baruch, arrived this morning in the son's private car, and they are spending the day here before leaving for Pasadena. Dr. Baruch says he thinks the rain bath or warm water cure is the most practical of any so far devised.

Couple Seeking Minister, Go to Penitentiary to Wed

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 5.—Very much of the excitement was the wedding here of Paul E. Crumney and Miss Irene Turner, both of Phoenix. Just as their friends began to gather here to marry, intending to spend their honeymoon in Tucson, they were notified by the minister available at a dinner party once upon a time, that this morning. The Langtry family left the city when she visited the place.

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